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Suspicious Activity "If You See Something, Say Something"

As the 10th anniversary of 9/11 approaches, the Riverside Police Department would like to encourage our citizens and employees to remain vigilant and diligent in reporting suspicious activity or behavior that they feel might be related to terrorism. The citizens of Riverside are the eyes and ears of the Riverside Police Department and likely the first line of defense for our community. Citizens reporting suspicious activity can either call the Los Angeles Joint Intelligence Center at (888)705-5742 or call the Riverside Police Department at (951) 787-7911. Citizens should call 911 if they feel they have an emergency. The Los Angeles Joint Intelligence Center, which covers seven counties in Southern California, has trained state and local law enforcement agencies to recognize behaviors and indicators related to terrorism.

The suspicious activity and behavior could be;

- suspicious or unusual interest
- surveillance (suspicious in nature)
- inappropriate photographs or videos
- note-taking
- drawing of diagrams
- annotating maps
- using binoculars or night vision devices

Unusual or suspicious activity does not necessarily mean that terrorist activity is happening, but be aware of the following suspicious behaviors:

- Individuals acting suspiciously
- Individuals departing quickly when seen or approached
- Individuals in places they don't belong, such as water treatment facilities
- A strong odor coming from a building or vehicle
- Over dressed for the type of weather

The Department of Homeland Security has worked with state and local officials to leverage best practices from the law enforcement community while engaging the public in identifying and reporting suspicious activity through the national Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) initiative and the expansion of "If You See Something, Say Something" to communities throughout the country. "If You See Something, Say Something" is a simple and effective program to engage the public and key frontline employees to identify and report indicators of terrorism, crime and other threats to the proper law enforcement agency.

At this time, the Riverside Police Department does not have any specific information of a pending attack on this upcoming anniversary; but we all must remain vigilant to protect our city.